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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF UTAH CENTRAL DIVISION

ELAINE L. CHAO, Secretary of Labor, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

Judge Paul G. Cassell

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Plaintiffs,

COMPLAINT

vs.

LOCAL 1700, AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION,

Defendant.

Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor, complains of Local 1700, Amalgamated Transit Union and for cause of action alleges as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This action is brought under Title IV of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, 29 U.S.C. §§ 481-84 (the "Act"), for a judgment declaring that the November 13, 2004 election of union officers conducted by Local 1700, Amalgamated Transit Union ("Defendant"), for the offices of President, Executive Vice-President, Region 1Vice President, and Region 4 Vice President is void, and directing Defendant to conduct a new election for these offices under Plaintiff's supervision, and for other appropriate relief.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 28 U.S.C. § 1345, and 29 U.S.C. § 482(b).
 - 3. Venue lies in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and 29 U.S.C. § 482(b).

PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff Elaine L. Chao is the duly appointed Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor ("Plaintiff"). Plaintiff is authorized to bring this action under section 402(b) of Title IV of the Act, 29 U.S.C. § 482(b).
- 5. Defendant is, and at all times relevant to this action has been, an unincorporated association maintaining its principal office at 39 North Center Street, American Fork, Utah County, State of Utah.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 6. Defendant is, and at all times relevant to this action has been, a local labor organization engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of sections 3(i), 3(j) and 401(b) of the Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 402(i), 402(j) and 481(b)).
- 7. Defendant purporting to act pursuant to its Bylaws and the Amalgamated Transit Union's International Constitution and General Laws, conducted an election of officers on November 13, 2004. This election was subject to the provisions of Title IV of the Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 481-484).
- 8. By letter dated November 17 2004, to the Defendant, the complainant, Linda P. Barrett-Scott, a member in good standing of Defendant, protested the Defendant's November 13, 2004 election.
- 9. Having invoked the remedies available for three calendar months without receiving a final decision, the complainant filed a timely complaint with the Secretary of Labor on March 16, 2005, within the one calendar month required by section 402(a)(2) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. § 482(a)(2).
- 10. In a series of letters, the Defendant agreed that the time within which the Plaintiff may bring suit with respect to the Defendant's aforesaid election be extended to August 26, 2005.
- 11. Pursuant to section 601 of the Act (29 U.S.C. § 521), and in accordance with section 402(b) of the Act (29 U.S.C. § 482(b)), Plaintiff investigated the complaint and, as a result of the facts shown by her investigation, found probable cause to believe that: (1) a violation of Title IV

of the Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 481-484) had occurred in the conduct of the Defendant's November 13, 2004 election; and (2) that such violation had not been remedied at the time of the institution of this action.

- 12. Defendant violated section 401(b) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. § 481(b), in the conduct of the November 2004 primary election by failing to hold its election by secret ballot when numbers corresponding with members' names were placed on the replacement ballots.
- 13. The violation of section 401(b) of the Act (29 U.S.C. § 481(b)) may have affected the outcome of the Defendant's election for the offices of President, Executive Vice-President, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Region 1 Vice-President, and Region 4 Vice-President.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment:

- (1) Declaring the Defendant's election for the offices of President, Executive Vice-President, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Region 1 Vice-President, and Region 4 Vice-President null and void;
- (2) Directing the Defendant to conduct a new election for the offices of President, Executive Vice President, Region 1 Vice President, and Region 4 Vice President under the supervision of the Plaintiff;
 - (3) For the costs of this action; and
 - (4) For such other relief as may be appropriate.

DATED this 26th day of August, 2005.

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